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# Swine Flu hits close to home

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
SENIOR REPORTER

This week at GCSU, students have been experiencing first hand the effects of the H1N1 virus, commonly called swine flu.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year in the United States, on average, 200,000 people are hospitalized due to the seasonal flu

and 36,000 die from complications. Swine flu is already racking up numbers. As of Aug. 27, there were over 8,843 hospitalized cases of swine flu and 556 deaths nationwide.

GCSU Coordinator for Emergency Preparedness and Occupational Safety, Justin Gaines, spoke about the dangers associated with H1N1 influenza during an Aug. 26 flu forum.

"Within two weeks this virus

traveled from Mexico to the Outback of Australia, and that's extremely fast," Gaines said. "One of the characteristics of this flu is that it can spread quickly, but with that it is not any deadlier than the seasonal influenza."

Swine flu has not been a major problem so far in the United States, but it is expected to worsen in the coming months.

GCSU's Pandemic Response Team have advised professors to

be prepared for a reduced workforce, as well as to come up with assignments students can do outside of the classroom.

Other universities are also addressing this issue. According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Emory University has designated a separate dorm in which they have already moved about 50 students that have contracted the

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A stuffed bear hiding in the corner at the entrance of the Natural history museum located in Herty welcomes and sometimes scares visitors.

# Natural history museum awarded \$149,296 grant

BY KELLEY BOWERS  
STAFF WRITER

A campus treasure often overlooked, the GCSU Natural History Museum is immersed in the spotlight after recently being awarded a \$149,296 grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The funding will be used to invest in a two-year project developed to incorporate the museum and planetarium's over 100,000 cataloged specimens and lifelike graphic projections into the curriculum of local grade 3-8 classrooms.

The project, From Fossils to Space, aims to engage primarily science teachers and students in the fields of paleontology, earth sciences and astronomy. Through providing the necessary

training and hands-on experience, the community can eagerly take full advantage of their access to the abundance of resources the museum has to offer.

Apart from recognition of over 100 previously generated scholarly works, research and resources, Dr. Robert Chandler, professor of biology and lead investigator, and Dr. Rosalie Richards, director of the Science Education Center and co-investigator, have a much greater goal in sight.

"Universities are responsible for serving their community; this is our chance to serve the community, and the Southeast as a whole," Richards said.

At the heart of serving the public more effectively lies the hope of building a culture of sci-

ence within the Baldwin, Jones, Hancock, Putnam and Wilkinson county area.

Prior to the grant's establishment, a number of GCSU professors often found themselves traveling to these surrounding school systems to give lectures, and although they enjoyed doing so, professors became limited not only in time, but also in the number of specimens that could be transported to and from the campus museum.

"A part of this project involves cultivating the culture of going to the museum as what you do. You go to the mall to shop for new clothing and you go to the museum to shop for new experiences,"

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# Discussion on furloughs, budget cuts continues

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
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The state Board of Regents announced in August the implementation of six mandatory furlough days, or unpaid days off, for most University System of Georgia employees as part of a \$115 million plan to slash budgets. Of the \$115 million, furloughs along with health-care plan changes are expected to save the University System \$43.5 million.

In addition, a \$150 student fee could be imposed in the spring semester of 2010, in an effort to further deal with the cuts. However, the student fee increase will only be implemented if budget cuts reach 8 percent.



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GCSU President Dorothy Leland explains the budget cuts and furlough schedule

An average tenured professor in the system will be losing about 3 percent of their income, or about \$2,000 this year, as a result of the furloughs. The furloughs are expected to save GCSU \$990,000, ac-

cording to the reduction plan.

Exempted from the furloughs are employees making less than \$23,660 annually or those on H1-B visas.

The remainder of cuts will come in the form of layoffs, new employee furloughs, internal reorganizations, energy conservation and the elimination of low-enrollment programs, according to the University System.

"We have to remember right now how important it is to nurture our community," GCSU President Dorothy Leland said last Thursday during a speech in front of faculty and staff. "We need to be bold. The same old things aren't going to work."

Employees' annual contracts state that up to 10 furlough days may be utilized throughout the school year.

Furloughs are seen as a temporary fix for what could be a long-term problem. Leland said all budget cuts are permanent.

The University System has made it clear that employees cannot work on a declared furlough day. Professors are not allowed to hold class on furlough days nor are classes to be canceled due to a furlough, according to the University System. They may, however, distribute personal learning assignments in lieu of instruction.

Annual and sick leave cannot be substituted for furlough days.

Due to employment laws, upper administration officials will not be allowed to take more furlough days to compensate

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# Situation at YDC raises campus concern

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
SENIOR REPORTER



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Multiple Milledgeville PD and ambulances gathered at the gates of YDC Tuesday in response to an attempted escape of multiple juveniles

Students received e-mails and Connect-ED alerts this past Tuesday warning that 15 juveniles were unaccounted for at the Bill E. Ireland Youth Development Campus.

Public Safety locked down Kilpatrick Education Center that afternoon in response to this news.

The boys left their compound but never left the YDC grounds. By that afternoon GCSU students were notified that the YDC had re-accounted for all juveniles.

"I honestly don't think (the juveniles) would do anything anyway," said junior Bethany Deskins. "If I were locked up behind barbed wire, I'd want out, too."

Despite the e-mails, many students were not aware of the situation and the Connect-ED messages were late-coming.

Some students felt there was miscommunication surrounding Tuesday's events as rumors began to spread throughout campus.

"I personally wasn't shocked so much by what happened as I was about how the school responded to it. Students didn't find out the danger of the situ-

ation until after it was 'under control,'" said junior Courtney Manson. "However, I am happy to know that everything was taken care of in a fairly timely manner."

After the incident, Director of Public Safety Dave Groseclose sent out an e-mail after the incident to clear up any misconceptions.

"The lack of good information did, however, make for some tense moments," Groseclose's e-mail said. "The Department of Public Safety will use (Tuesday's) incident as an opportunity for learning, teaching and improved preparation."



# Flashbacks:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
Students moving into Terrell Hall around the 1930s or 1940s. This former Residence Hall was constructed in 1908. Terrell Hall is no longer used as a dormitory but currently houses offices for the Departments of Modern Foreign Languages.

## This month in Colonnade history:

Orientation Week Keeps Frosh Busy: 550 freshmen moved into the dorms on Sept. 19, more than a month later than they do now. They went to social events such as a movie shown in Russell Auditorium, but Orientation Week was not all fun and games. The freshmen had to take placement exams in a variety of subjects, like English, mathematics, science, psychology, French and secretarial skills.  
From Vol. 15, No. 1 September 21, 1940

Freshmen participate in “Rat Week” and Georgia College. Freshmen where “rat caps” and participate in a week of events to welcome them to the school. Calling freshmen “rats” seen as a term of endearment.  
From Vol. 45 No.1 September 14, 1969

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.

# Public Safety hosts police academy

BY LYRIC BURNETT  
STAFF WRITER

Sure students see GCSU’s public safety officers around campus, but most aren’t invited to squeeze off a few dozen rounds at a live firing range with them.

That’s exactly what students who attend the GCSU Student Police Academy will do.

The GCSU Department of Public Safety plans to begin a new free program for students, faculty and staff to partake in. The academy is designed to give any student hands-on criminal justice and law enforcement experience while participating in the academy.

Starting the second week of September, each class will cover various law enforcement topics. The class topics will range from ride-a-longs, traffic stops, emergency preparedness, mock trials and firearms training.

“We want to open the police department up to students, faculty and staff,” Greg Williams, sergeant of support services,

said. “We want people to know about the inter-workings of the police department and that we are here to support them.”

“We also want students to become more educated,” Williams said. “We also want them to learn from the class in a way that will help prevent crime”

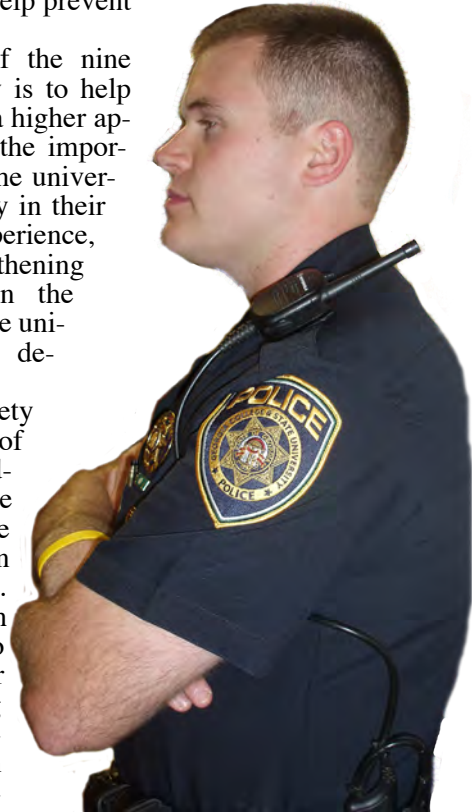
The goal of the nine week academy is to help students have a higher appreciation for the important role that the university police play in their college experience, while strengthening bonds between the students and the university police department.

Public Safety took the idea of a police academy from the citizens police academy in Milledgeville. The goal of both academies is to make a clearer understanding of their department’s role in the community.

“We wanted to create a equivalent program, but we wanted it to be geared toward student participation,” Williams said.

Michael Baker, a de

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FILE PHOTO

# GCSU rises in rank

## Campus acknowledged by U.S. News and World Report and Princeton Review

BY KENDALL BRENNAN  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. News and World Report’s 2010 edition named GCSU an “Up-and-coming school” and ranked it 31st in the category of master’s universities in the South, while The Princeton Review selected the college as a “Best in the Southeast” for the third year in a row. This is a climb for the university as GCSU ranked 43rd in the same category in the 2009 edition of U.S. News and World Report.

The Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report publish a yearly appraisal of American universities that is meant to inform prospective students, academics and parents of where a particular college stands in relation to other educational institutions of the same vocation. In each report, all schools are divided into categories and are ranked in accordance to established criteria. According to its Web site, the publication breaks down universities into four

different categories “based on their mission.” The categories include “national universities, liberal arts colleges, master’s universities, and baccalaureate colleges.” The categories

by The Princeton Review is based on “feedback... from counselors, students, parents,” as well as educator and Princeton Review staff members at office locations dispersed throughout the nation. The Princeton Review also ranks in accordance to region but further demarcates categories by factoring in variables such as financial aid and administrative services, among others.

In addition to the rise of GCSU’s rank in nationally-recognized publications, the university continues to become more and more difficult to get into.

“Our freshman class has the highest SAT scores behind UGA and Georgia Tech .... And, we do have 50 percent more applicants who are qualified than we can accept at this time,” said Judy Bailey, media relations manager in University Communications at GCSU.

Yet, it is unclear if the accolades tendered by The

***“We are just doing the job we are here to do. We consider the rankings the cherry on top of the cake.”***

***-Judy Bailey***

are further broken down by region. However, the U.S. News and World Report does not rank all colleges. To be selected, a university must have a minimum of 200 students enrolled and be regionally accredited. According to its Web site, the criteria to be reviewed

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# Center for Student Success relocated to Bone House

BY SIMONE JAMESON  
STAFF WRITER

After years of serving students and staff alike in Lanier Hall, GCSU’s Center for Student Success has claimed a new hub in the midst of campus traffic. The center which is now in Bone House is located in the cross section of Greene and South Clark streets alongside the art building of Mayfair Hall and the hall for University Commissions. Now only a crosswalk away from the campus residence halls, the center will carry on with business as usual with a sharper eye for student advisement needs and a shorter walking distance for students of the residence hall community.

The Center for Student Success has

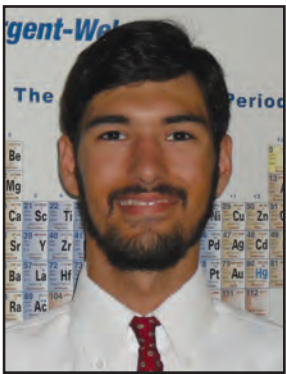
worked in the second floor of Lanier Hall as a crucial center for advisement, learning and mentoring for first year and transfer students of GCSU. Each year, the center is responsible for the advisement of roughly 300 students all off which are undeclared or undecided majors. Alongside mentally coaching students, additional duties have included mandatory seminars for advisees, staff training for new faculty and early registration. In recent years, the center has made programs such as POUNCE for early registration and the Degree Works program to outline degree requirements accessible to new students. After nearly 10 years, the center left Lanier room 212 to expand

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# Students selected as GCSU 2009 emerging scholars



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From left, Sophomore English major Erin Schubach, sophomore chemistry major Thomas Pangia and sophomore environmental science major Hannah Sadowski were recipients of the Emerging Scholars award.

BY MATTHEW KUHLM  
STAFF WRITER

Phi Kappa Phi has honored three GCSU students as 2009 Emerging Scholars. The honor society selected Thomas Pangia, Erin Schubach and Hannah Sadowski out of students from around the country.

“I think it’s pretty sig-

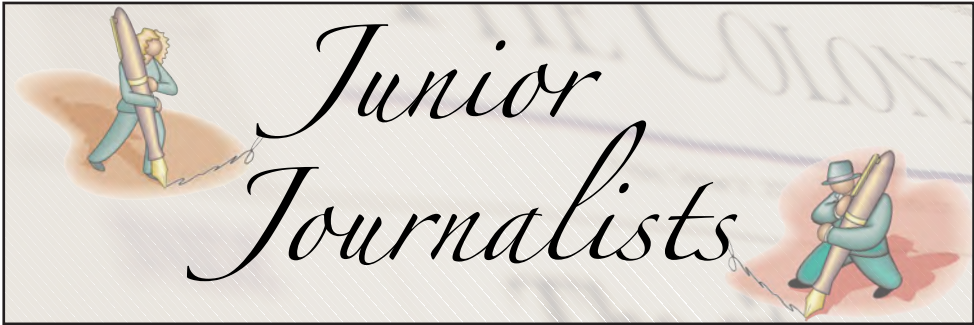
nificant,” said Dr. Steven Elliot-Gower, director of the honors program. “I think it’s a reflection of the growing academic excellence of our institution. And it’s also a reflection of our students’ interest in seeking external scholarships.”

The award, established in 2007, gives 60 outstanding sophomores from Phi

Kappa Phi colleges and universities \$250 each. These three awards represent the first time GCSU students have received the award.

“I’m pretty excited about receiving this award,” Pangia, a chemistry major, said. “It is quite

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The ‘Junior Journalists’ section is contributed by students in the Georgia College Early College program. This week’s edition is a collaboration of the work of Haley Webb, Benzetta Reeves, Calvin Le, Timberly Spikes, Oneisha Lee, Krishindra Johnson, Shambria Brown, Kyle Vining, Ti’Kera Hightower, Justin Brown, Jalon Trawick, Sylvia Stapleton, Brittney Wilson and Chelsea Williams.

# The legacy lives on

It was four years ago that the Legacy Class was established. Since that time, GCSU has changed rapidly and drastically, but the mindset and mentality of the Georgia College Early College students and teachers has remained constant. The creators of the GCEC community, Dr. John Lounsbury and Camille Tyson, have made significant impacts not only on the GCSU campus, but in the world of education.

“Just what is happening — it is clearly successful in achieving their successes,” Lounsbury said. “The students are proud of their involvement and more educators know of their existence. Early College is a prime example of the excellence that characterizes the Georgia College teacher education program.”

Since day one, the Legacy Class has followed the declaration of GCEC which reads, “We, the participants of Early College, in order to form a more perfect learning community, establish justice, ensure a meaningful learning experience to



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Some tenth grade students get a head start on college in the Early College program

able to take on a sense of ownership in their education and feel a certain amount of pride in their unique community. It can be said that the experiences of the GCEC participant are very different from that of a normal middle or high school student.

“I like a little bit of both because at my old school I have my friends and at my new school I’m learning new stuff,” 7th-grade Early College student, Kamia Solomon, said.

The GCEC program has enabled some students to be the first in their families to start college and a few will start college courses even before the end of their 10th-grade year.

“I’m glad that I got the chance to be at Early College because I have a big opportunity to start college at an early age and grade,” Ti’Kera Hightower, an Early College 10th-grader, said. “I think that being in Early College and being in the Legacy Class is such a great opportunity to have a title and name like that.”

Though the end of their high-school careers are growing closer for the 10th-graders, the marks and memories of the Legacy Class will be forever remembered by those whose lives have changed from knowing them.



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Mrs. Camile Tyson assists students.

excellence, do agree to honor these principles: respect, caring, integrity, and personal responsibility.”

Because of the actions of the Legacy Class, the 220 students at GCEC, especially the 53 who are 10th-graders, are



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## Budget cuts

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**Budget breakdown**

There are four categories in which the University System apportions its funds. Funding within the categories is nontransferable. Any funding a school receives from the University System, tuition or student fees is specifically earmarked for one of the four budget categories. The education and general budget category is composed of funding from the University System, as well as money from student tuition. Salaries are one area that is funded by the education and general budget.

Because this funding is so strictly divided, the cuts to employee salaries cannot be compensated for by using funds from other categories, such as facility development and student activities.

**Money trickles down**

Each year state revenue funds the University System and it, in turn, funds GCSU. State revenue is generated from sales taxes, as well as other income

streams. Due to a decline in state revenue, as a result of the struggling economy, the University System has seen its funding reduced, which means GCSU has been awarded less money than in past years.

Due to a 9 percent decline in state revenue since July 1, the portion of GCSU's budget that pays salaries — the education and general budget — has been cut. This has resulted in furloughs, health-care plan changes and the possibility of additional student fees, as the University System tries to find ways to cope with the cuts. Construction, auxiliary services and student activities's funding comes from a different section of the budget that, according to the University System, may not be used for salaries.

**Stimulus money**

The federal stimulus package, enacted July 1, facilitated GCSU with the means to make soft-money purchases. Stimulus money supplements nearly 5 percent of GCSU's budget and is only guaranteed through fiscal year 2012, and can only be used on one-time expenditures such as building repairs and technological improvements. Hirings,

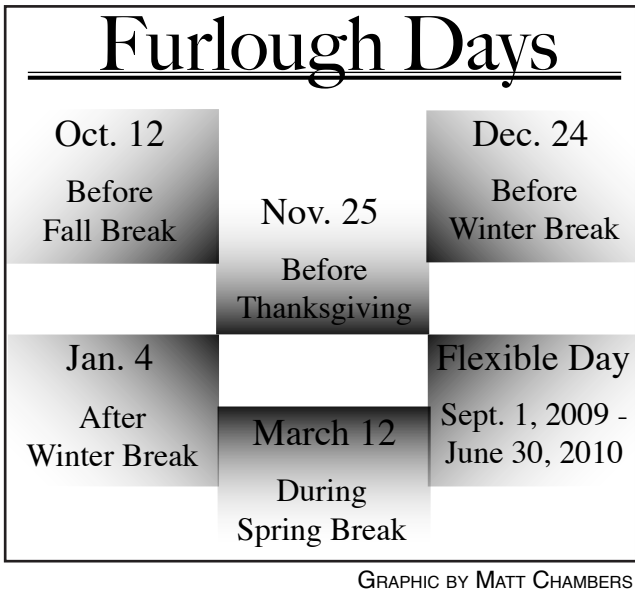
permanent positions and salaries cannot be funded with this money.

**Unanswered questions**

Many of the budget reduction plan details have not been finalized. University System employees must take at least three furlough days by the end of the calendar year and the remainder by the end of the fiscal year, June 2010. But, it is written in contracts that up to 10 furlough days may be utilized. Leland has implemented a Strategic Resource Management Task Force which will review budget reduction plans. It welcomes input

from the GCSU community, including students, she said. For more information on the budget situation, or to leave comments, visit <http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/president/budget>.

The University System asked each college to plan for possible cuts of 4 percent, 6 percent and 8 percent. Currently, GCSU is running its budget based on a 6 percent reduction in funding. Should the cuts increase to 8 percent, one of the ways the school may try to save money is by charging students a \$150 student fee, starting in the spring semester of 2010. For lower-



# Balancing jobs, school

BY MARY BESS PARKS  
STAFF WRITER

Many first-year college students that attend GCSU are facing the overwhelming decision of whether or not to work, especially while America's economy is struggling.

Students entering college for the first time will be introduced to the new reality of financial burdens. They will also face the decision of whether or not it is wise to even have a job.

For some students, not working is not an option. Many students often have to work in order to continue support their education at GCSU. One such student is Kristin Sidari, a business management major from GCSU. She has worked at Chicfil-A for the past five months. Sidari is an out-of-statesophomore from Albion, N.Y.

"I knew I had to support myself," Sidari said. "I am having no financial support from my parents. I have to work to support myself to live in this economy today."

Meredith Dennis, a GCSU sophomore majoring in general studio arts, has been working for Lakeside Realty since the beginning of her freshman year. She states that she also has no choice than to work.

She has also taken out student loans to help with the financial burden.

"In order for me to make it through college, I'm gonna have to (work)," she stated. "I'm going to have to support myself. I have a lot of responsibilities with myself. I have my

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# GCSU Jewish foundation takes shape

BY RACHEL MOLDOVAN  
STAFF WRITER

GCSU says "shalom" to a recently founded Jewish organization on campus called Goodrich Hillel — a worldwide Jewish organization at over 500 colleges for undergraduate and graduate students.

With the help of faculty advisor Karen Berman and the support of community member Nathalie Goodrich, students organized the first Hillel chapter at GCSU in fall 2008 and became officially registered in spring 2009.

"Goodrich Hillel provides a home away from home for Jewish students," Berman said. "It gives them a cultural foundation. It gives them a place to celebrate their identity and share their identity with other students."

Goodrich Hillel has events throughout the year that include Jewish game nights, movie nights, bagel brunches, student-led Shabbat services and Hanukkah parties. Events are targeted toward Jewish students to help them to meet other Jewish students on campus, but Goodrich Hillel welcomes students of all beliefs to learn about Judaism at events.

The addition of the name "Goodrich"

to Hillel is unique to GCSU, named after Nathalie Goodrich, a longtime Milledgeville community member. Nathalie's husband, Harold Goodrich, owns Harold's retail shop in downtown Milledgeville. One of Goodrich's dreams was to start a Hillel at GCSU. Last July when professor Karen Berman joined the university, Goodrich contacted Berman and at the same time students, such as Alana Israel, a public relations representative for Hillel, started coming to Berman.

"Nathalie Goodrich is extremely involved in GCSU Hillel," Israel said. "She has come to almost every event we've had so far. She provides food. She's just been so sweet."

With the help of Goodrich, Berman and willing Jewish students, the organization came to life.

"It all converged at the exact right time," Berman said. "It was like magic."

The co-presidents of the organization are sophomores Deena Overbye and Zach Dubin. Berman said they were "instrumental in creating the by-laws, designing activities and hosting events." They began organizing Goodrich Hillel last year.

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Bone House

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into Bone House setting to better meet students’ social adjustment needs. Mike Augustine, Senior Director of Advising and Retention for Bone House regards the move as a win for both students and staff involved.

“It provides students with a comfortable feel of their advisement,” Augustine said, “and now the line that once stretched outside the office is now inside the living

room.”

The extension of space gives hope to expanding staff and improving current programs.

During the summer several departments including the Department of History and Geology met to discuss re-organizing their location to better suit the campus. The decision highly considered space and budget cuts. The University Communication Center agreed to take the second floor of Lanier after the move of the Student Success Center for a more centralized location. Judy Bailey, who is the media relations manager for University Communication says that the move

“better meets customer needs.”“Few people realize all the components that make up our department.” Bailey adds, “It is important that we continue to service our students and community.” Controlling the campus television and radio stations, as well as public relations, the University Communications center continues its powerhouse duty to keep the campus connected.

The year continues for both the Center for Student Success and University Communications, as expected, with students hustling to get classes, choose a major and stay focused. Gabby Brooks, an undeclared freshman major, has consulted

the Success Center for advisement and peer mentoring since the commencement of her college career. Brooks admits that although the location is less convenient for those students who are currently living off campus, that the facility has met her needs for “the college and independent living adjustment.”

The Center for Student Success is hopeful of serving more students and faculty and spreading the words of the new location through flyers, banners and e-communication. In the weeks ahead it expects to service at least 500 advisees and 1,000 students and faculty by the end of the school year.

Recognition

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U.S. News and World Report and The Princeton Review are directly influencing the increasingly competitive application process. Taking stock of GCSU’s rankings in both The U.S. News and World Report and The Princeton Review was a priority for Lori Berry, a freshman and political science major.

“I paid more attention to The U.S. News and World Report than The Princeton Review. It was more down to earth and it did influence my decision to come here,” Berry said.

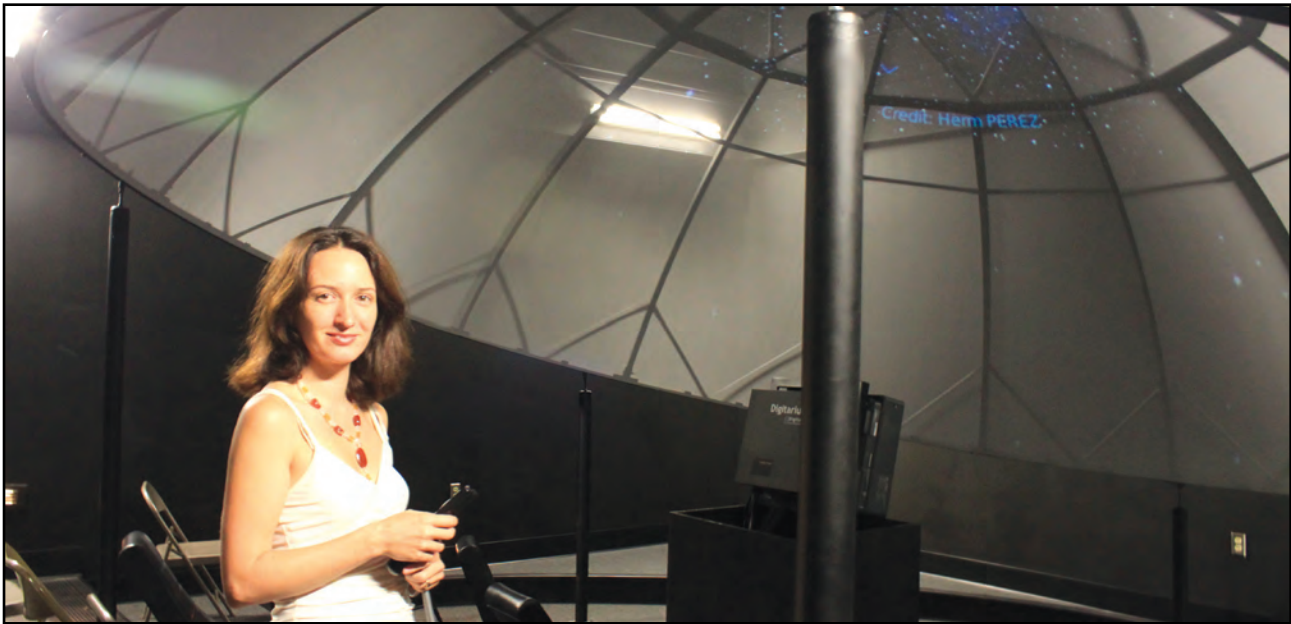
With the increase of interest in GCSU, it seems likely that the competitive trend will continue. Yet, what GCSU administrators are focusing on is not gaining recognition but providing their students with a well-rounded liberal arts education.

“You have so many more opportunities here than you would at other universities because we are the only public liberal arts university in Georgia,” said Bailey.

The accolades are simply a nice pat on the back.

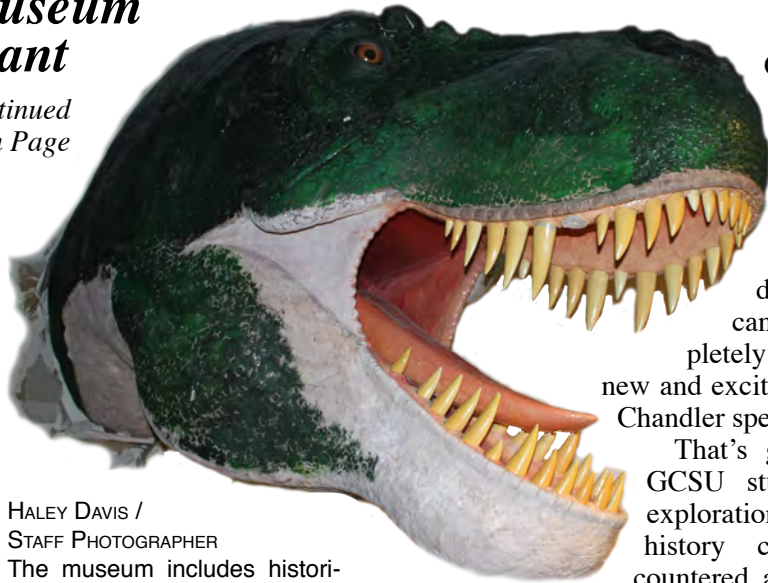
“We are just doing the job we are here to do. We consider the rankings the cherry on the top of the cake,” Bailey said.

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Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics Agnes Kim teaches astronomy and regularly uses the planetarium for teaching. School-age children, teachers, university students, faculty and the public are welcome to visit the planetarium, located on the first floor of Hearty Hall, behind the Natural History Museum. Funding for the planetarium came from the Grassman foundation, GCSU student technology fees and funds raised by the Chemistry and Physics department at GCSU.



Museum grant

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The museum includes historical artifacts from the Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic Eras, along with fossils and other relics from Georgia and around the world.

Chandler said.

With the luxury of hosting student field trips to the museum currently underway, students can now be completely exposed to the new and exciting experiences Chandler speaks of.

That’s great news for GCSU students, as the exploration and unique history collections encountered aren’t restricted solely to science teachers and their students.

A number of students have not only had a direct impact on the museum itself, but have

been positively influenced through participation in training to conduct museum tours, assisting in Web page design, and gaining valuable experience through internships and field work.

“After my family and I visited the museum, I especially enjoyed it because I was able to share the same enthusiasm for science that the museum captures with my family,” said Kirsten Canale, a junior biology and Spanish major.

Students have devoted a large amount of time to the process of research concerning the museum’s numerous specimens. They’ve also contributed toward GCSU’s awarding of the grant. The federal grant should act as a gateway to provide numerous opportunities to enhance GCSU’s capacity for receiving additional federally-funded grants for education-based projects.

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# Despite setbacks, Green Initiative moving forward

BY ELIZABETH RAWLINS  
STAFF WRITER

Maintaining speed, feeling the breeze, avoiding traffic and, most importantly, exercising before work are all ways in which Dr. Doug Oetter shows that he is very passionate about reducing his carbon footprint. Oetter, who teaches in GCSU's History and Geography Department, enjoys riding his bike to work every day.

The Sustainability Council chair, as well as many students and faculty, have been encouraging the campus to "go green." This past year, it was proposed that GCSU charge each student a "Green Fee" of \$4 per semester in order for the campus to expand its environmental projects. One of these projects would be building a side walk from The Village at West Campus all the way to Main Campus. This would run along Fishing Creek and encourage bicycling, walking and reducing carbon emissions.

The fee would also support solar panels for buildings to convert sunlight into electricity that would reduce electricity costs. GCSU President Dorothy Leland approved the fee proposal, however, the state Board of Regents rejected it as

funds were reduced this year.

The fee would have raised about \$50,000 according to Oetter. But, despite not getting the fee's approval, the importance of recycling, using public transportation and monitoring power usage will continue to be stressed. The council is promoting inexpensive ways for the student body to participate in the Green Initiative. Riding bikes is Oetter's solution to the limited parking spaces on campus, as opposed to building new parking lots.

Being "green" is a popular slogan that is constantly reminding the public how important it is to preserve the environment. The Sustainability Council at GCSU is a staff, faculty and student-based committee that aims to work together to find ways to conserve energy.

The council meets on a monthly basis to discuss how to increase sustainability on campus through the aspects of design, education, energy, materials, transportation, water and funding. These seven goals are the foundation of the Green Initiative that was founded three years ago upon the request of Leland, who wanted to promote energy conservation on campus.

The Environmental

Science Club proposed that students should contribute by raising revenues to help purchase energy-efficient light bulbs, washing machines and trees to plant throughout campus.

Student Government Association President Zach Mullins attended the August meeting to ensure that the council and SGA are working together to make campus more environmentally friendly.

"Recycling is top priority," Mullins said.

One of the solutions discussed is to have several recycling bins on the first floor in every building on campus to give students plenty of opportunity to recycle.

Lauren Buchheit, a sophomore and a business major, is one of the four students on the Sustainability Council.

Buchheit is currently working on this recycling project for the campus.

"Unfortunately, we do not have the funds to purchase 70 new recycling bins as well as the fee that is charged to deposit all of the recycled items," Buchheit said.

The fee would have helped to support the recycling effort, but now the council hopes to receive some grants to assist the promotion of a more environmentally-friendly campus.

## Phi Kappa Phi

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an honor to be chosen from among a very selective pool of students."

"It is definitely an honor to be chosen as recipient of the Emerging Scholars Award," added Schubach, an English major.

"It is an honor, I know it's a very prestigious group and I'm honored that they picked me," Sadowski, an environmental science major, said.

Two of the recipients, Schubach and Sadowski, are members of the Honors Program. Dr. Elliot-Gower acknowledged this and attributed it to selection of good students.

"I think we're doing a pretty good job of putting these sorts of opportunities in front of our honors students. And if we've done a good job in selecting Honors students at the front end, they will be the sorts of students who will not only understand the significance of applying for these sorts of external scholarships, but

will also be competitive in doing so," Elliot-Gower said.

When asked about his plans for the award money, Pangia said that he planned to use the money to help pay for an experiment. "Probably the most direct effect receiving this award will have on me is to encourage me to continue to study hard and devote as much time as I can to my research project," he said.

"The money from the award will enable me to do something simple — purchase textbooks," Schubach said. "With these textbooks I can excel in school and eventually accomplish the larger goals that I have set for my future."

"The awards sort of act as stepping stones, you know. One small scholarship, one small award, might lead to something bigger and better down the road," said Dr. Elliot-Gower, urging students to pursue external scholarship opportunities. "(People should) understand that they can really build a record of academic excellence by applying for some of these awards."

## Hillel

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Both graduated from the Weber School, a Jewish high school in Sandy Springs in 2008.

"We decided to make a Hillel at GCSU because our beliefs are important to us. We started from scratch," Overbye said.

Around the same time Overbye and Dubin started organizing a Hillel, two more students, Alana Israel and Leah Rapaport, were also attempting to start a Hillel. "We were happy that we found other people that were interested," Israel said.

The four students found each other and started organizing events as an executive board.

"All our Jewish backgrounds are different, so it's cool to take our backgrounds and create a new community here," Israel said. "Goodrich Hillel is in-between a youth group, a student organization

and a fun thing to do."

On Oct. 16, 2008 Hillel hosted its first event, a Sukkot party, at Deano's Pizza. Sukkot is a Jewish holiday that celebrates giving thanks for a bountiful harvest.

The Sukkot party was the biggest event for Hillel as Jewish students joined with Jewish faculty members, Jewish community members, and University of Georgia counterparts of Hillel to celebrate. As Goodrich Hillel was not an official organization at that point, community members provided food for the event under leadership of Nathalie Goodrich.

"We had a lot of events with no money," Berman said. "Everyone was really generous."

In spring 2009, Goodrich Hillel submitted a budget to Student Government Association and for the first time was approved for funding to be used during the 2009-10 school year.

"We were lucky because we were the only, or one of the only, religious organizations to get funding from the

school," Israel said.

The funds will go toward events such as traveling to UGA to observe the high holidays with a bigger Hillel, food for Jewish holidays in which only certain foods are eaten and charity events such as helping out Israeli soldiers by sending care packages.

With new money and more students, Goodrich Hillel plans to do more this year. Some events may include bringing someone from the anti-defamation league for the Human Rights Symposium and an Israeli musician by working with the Israeli Embassy and Atlanta synagogues.

"Our goal this year is to raise money to get a permanent location on campus," Overbye said.

"We need more involvement to make it happen. Everyone's welcome, and I'm excited to see it grow."

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Swine flu

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swine flu.

**Symptoms of the flu**  
So far this semester 10 GCSU students were sent home with flu-like symptoms, and Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 another 23 students were sent home.

The symptoms of swine flu are similar to the symptoms of the seasonal flu. Typical symptoms of the illness are chills, fever, cough, sore throat, headache, body aches, stuffy nose, exhaustion, and occasionally nausea and vomiting.

Director of Student Health Services Alice Loper said she’s seeing the number of patients being treated going up each day due to the scare.

“I think students are worried,” Loper said. “We have seen a significant increase in the number of people we have seen. Last August (2008) we saw 400 students and this August it was around 730.”

GCSU does not test to determine if a person has the H1N1 flu strain; testing for swine flu can only be done once hospitalized.

**Preventative measures**  
Since the CDC estimates that

nearly 27 percent of people ages 5 to 25 will contract swine flu, the school is taking precautions to avoid an outbreak.

The majority of healthy adults can infect others one day before symptoms appear and up to five days after becoming sick.

The best way to help prevent the flu is to get a flu shot, according to the CDC. Most do not protect against the H1N1 virus but a vaccine that does is expected to be released by the CDC in October.

Flu shots were distributed last week on campus and all 250 doses were given within the first two days.

Sophomore exercise science major Ashley Kanak is playing it safe.

“I got my flu shot but other than that I’m not doing anything out of the ordinary,” Kanak said. “I’m trying to avoid people who are sick, washing my hands a lot. I’m just doing the normal things you do during the flu season.”

There is more to preventing the flu than just vaccinations.

Gaines and the Pandemic Response Team will be holding flu forums to educate the campus and have been brainstorming new ways to keep the GCSU community informed and healthy.

“We are buying hand sanitizers and are going to place them at strategic locations around campus such as shuttle busses, the

Info Tech Center and the business office,” he said. “Our custodians are changing a bit of their cleaning practices for us. They are going to start or to continue- but do it more often- to clean the doorknobs and handles, things like that to help keep the virus from spreading.”

Students are also finding their own ways of prevention like boosting their immune system.

“The only thing I’m doing different is drinking orange juice like it’s my job,” said sophomore English major Will Lewis.

Sleeping the recommended seven to nine hours, exercising regularly, eating balanced meals and reducing stress are all ways students can boost their immune systems.

Practicing good hygiene- washing hands, using hand sanitizer and avoiding touching facial areas- is essential to flu prevention.

The CDC has recommended something called “social distancing” which means, in essence, staying away from physical contact with other people.

**Stay calm**  
Loper says there is no reason for students to panic.

“We are encouraging students to be vigilant about it,” Loper said. “So far the cases have been fairly mild but there have been deaths around the world.”

Police Academy

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tective for public safety, will instruct the investigations class. The mock crime scene will give an idea of all that an investigator's role entails and how important it is to secure a crime scene.

“This will be an eye-opening experience, better than what someone might see on TV,” Baker said.

The academy will be another opportunity that GCSU offers to prepare for a future career and to be a better citizen. Blake Denna is a senior criminal justice major and sergeant of S.N.A.P., the student night auxiliary patrol. He is looking forward to the unique opportunities the academy will offer.

“I plan on participating in the academy to get to know better the police officers and to gain experience in the many different activities throughout the semester,” Denna said.

Denna is hoping to be an investigator one day and expects to take a lot from the investigations session.



“I encourage everyone to partake in this experience. It will be a great learning opportunity for more than just criminal justice majors, ” Denna said.

The GCSU Student Police Academy will meet once a week for nine weeks. Each class will take about two hours and is open to any GCSU student, faculty or staff 18-years-old or older.

A criminal background check and driver’s history check will be conducted on all applicants. Applicants with a criminal background will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Working in college

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own responsibilities that are not my parents.”

Tuition, housing and food are not the only financial responsibilities facing college students. Paying for gas, toiletries, cell phone bills and insurance are just a few of the other financial obligations that students have. Many businesses in the community need help and seek applications for possible employees, often times hiring students.

One such location is Starbucks, located off Hwy. 441 in Milledgeville, which hires mostly college students. Spencer Young, a manager at Starbucks, said the coffee shop does not discriminate

against students.

The only requirement is that employees have to be available to work 70 percent of the hours the store is open just in case there is conflict with schedules. Employees should be available to work those hours, but they are not scheduled to work 70 hours.

An on-campus job is another option available to incoming freshman. Dennis and Sidari said they have both applied for on-campus jobs, but, due to the increasingly large number of students trying to find jobs on campus, there is a waiting list.

Scheduling conflicts often create problems between the employee and the employer and often causes stress for both.

Danielle Adams, a double major in criminal justice and psychology, cur-

rently works at Capitol City located in downtown Milledgeville. Adams works from around 10 p.m. to 3 or 4 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. She has arranged her classes so that they do not interfere with her work schedule and vice versus.

“I do not have any stress with my job as long as I do not take Friday classes,” Adams admits.

Her schedule works for her, because she said she has learned how to manage it.

Adams’ advice to all incoming freshmen: “Don’t get a job your freshman year. I would not have been able to do it my freshman year. It’s a huge difference going from high school to college.”

Chris Lamphere, a counselor from the Counseling Center at GCSU, agrees that high school and college are contrasting.

He suggests that most students come into college thinking that there will be little difference between the course loads given to students in college. According to Lamphere, they are wrong.

“(Students) think they can balance between the two worlds, but it is more difficult, because the academic requirements are greater than they were in high school” Lamphere said.

It is the students’ obligation to decide whether or not it is in the best interest to maintain a job while they are in school. Once a student has decided to get a job, the next thing to do is to start searching for jobs early.

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Times are tough. We all know it. The state Board of Regents has announced that six mandatory furlough days must be completed before June 31, 2010.

Bottom line: professors and administrators are taking a forced pay cut and students are getting a devalued education. There will be six days where faculty and the administration will have a wasted opportunity to earn money and we as students will have six less days of instruction, regardless of the fact that we paid our tuition in full.

But can we really blame the system? GCSU probably shouldn't have implemented the four-year tuition freeze. Costs have been going up over the past four years so students have been paying about the same each semester, other than a fee thrown in here or there.

Many public school systems throughout Georgia have required furlough days as well. Fayette County, for example, built a \$10.56 million school that can house 600 students. Budgets for salaries and constructions are divided before they reach the individual school boards, who make the budgets for their particular school. Perhaps a better way to solve the lack of staff salary funds is to ration funds at a higher level in the University System of Georgia so that school administrators can allocate more for salaries and less for construction.

Over the past year, students have been spending less and less on groceries, entertainment and the like. It just makes sense that our school has to follow suit. Administration isn't gaining any popularity from this, but we feel the Board of Regents has made the right call on this one.

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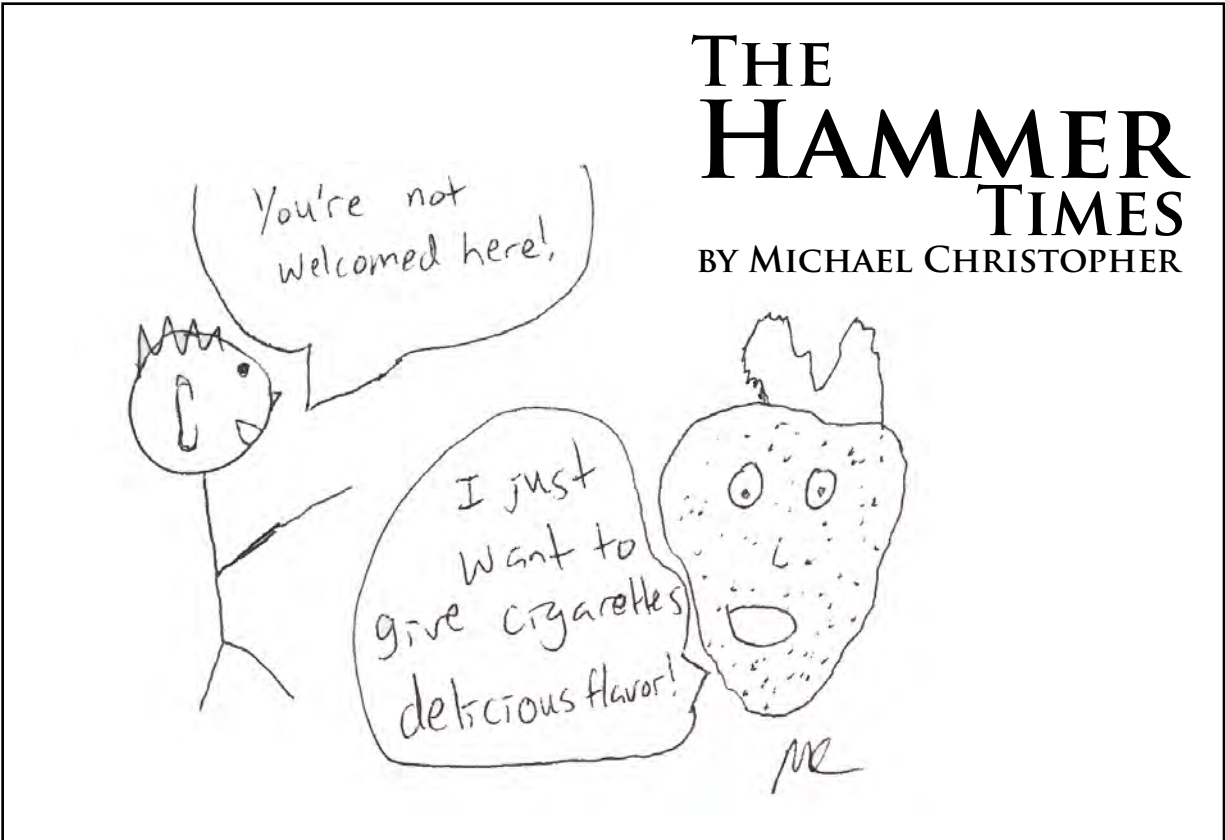
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## Free shots! Happy hour or the flu?

BY ELIZABETH ROWLINS  
COLUMNIST

The waiting room was packed. The line wrapped around the walls. Some were sick but there were so many people. There was a good chance I was going to catch the virus before I even received the vaccine. But at least it was free. Right?

Not only will a universal health-care plan not work, but also making vaccinations free will not solve the current health crisis. When health care becomes free, lines, waiting and supply becomes a major issue. It represents the basic definition of supply and demand, which is based on price, utility and quantity in the market.

This year, GCSU offered a flu shot for free to all students who presented their student ID. The school ran out of the 450 vaccines after the second day. Five hundred more vaccinations have been ordered, but the health center does not know how long it will be before they arrive.

According to Dr. Alice Loper, the physician on staff at GCSU, "Money is the issue."

Students are more willing to get the shot for free rather than paying this year's price of \$20 for the flu shot.

Why is the university giving away flu shots when in reality, it will not prevent students and faculty from getting swine flu? The seasonal influenza shot will not protect people from the H1N1 virus. There is not a swine flu vaccine available to the public.

What is quite humorous is the fact that GCSU gave out free flu shots, a vaccination that has nothing to do with swine flu. This will not slow down the current pandemic. What if the government gave out free chickenpox vaccinations during an outbreak of small pox? GCSU is one of very few schools that is giving out a flu shot for free. This vaccination is not mysteriously going to prevent someone from getting the virus.

One October afternoon in 2008, I walked into the MSU Lounge to receive my flu shot. The only crowd was a group of nursing students. One of the women explained that I was one of a few who had showed up that day. Not many students were willing to pay \$25 for a flu shot.

Last year, approximately 50 to 75 GCSU students paid the \$25 and received their flu shot the first day. This year, 250 shots were administered at no charge during the first day. Of course, one may argue that the swine flu has frightened many people, therefore, that could explain the sudden increase in numbers, but the flu vaccine will not keep you from getting swine flu.

Students need to understand the consequences of a universal health-care plan. Nothing is ever "free." The new health-care plan would be paid for through higher taxes. Even the flu shot was not free for students. The health clinic reduced spending and made

cuts in the budget in order for students to be able to have a "free" shot.

According to President Barack Obama, "We spend much more on health care than any other nation."

Though this may be true, the United States has one of the best health-care systems because citizens pay for their own health-care benefits and do not rely on the government. When health care becomes "free," doctor availability becomes very limited. One thing Americans need to remember is that health care is accessible to anyone that needs it.

Research shows that the virus is not any more harmful to humans than the common influenza virus. There is a vaccine currently being produced that will hopefully become available to the public soon. Fortunately, the virus is curable with a week of bed rest and fluids, should the government pay for that too?

## Health-care fight far from over



BY IAN BRIDGFORTH  
COLUMNIST

This summer we all have seen uproar and calamity in regards to health-care reform and what it might mean for America, if passed. Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said the reform would have "death panels," the Democrats are having a highly-publicized stubborn fight over the public option and people like Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, are throwing out all types of allegations saying that the government would "pull the plug on Grandma." And even though we've been hearing these things along with other pros and cons of health-care reform for months now, the real battle has barely even begun.

One of the biggest lightning rods for controversy in this whole debate is the public option that is being dis-

cussed throughout all the media outlets varying from television, radio, print media, blogs, etc.

Now, in a perfect world for the Democrats, the public option would be hailed as the right reform for all and everyone would jump on the public option bandwagon and everyone would live happily ever after. But we all do live in reality and know that while some Democrats don't, the votes for the public option are just simply not there. It could squeak by in the U.S. House of Representatives but it is all but certain that a public option won't pass in the Senate.

Republicans are clearly too stubborn to give any wiggle room on it and even conservative Democrats such as Sen. Kent Conrad, D-North Dakota, are adamantly opposing this option.

When the White House gave a little leeway to mandating the public option, House Democrats had a tantrum saying that it wasn't reform unless there was a public option and that they weren't voting for it unless there was a public option and all these other things that showed how close-minded they were being about this whole issue. Granted, the Republicans are doing no better, if not worse, but Democrats have the numbers that could actually get this through. Apparently they weren't told as kids that you can't get everything you want. If they could stop fighting with each other and actually

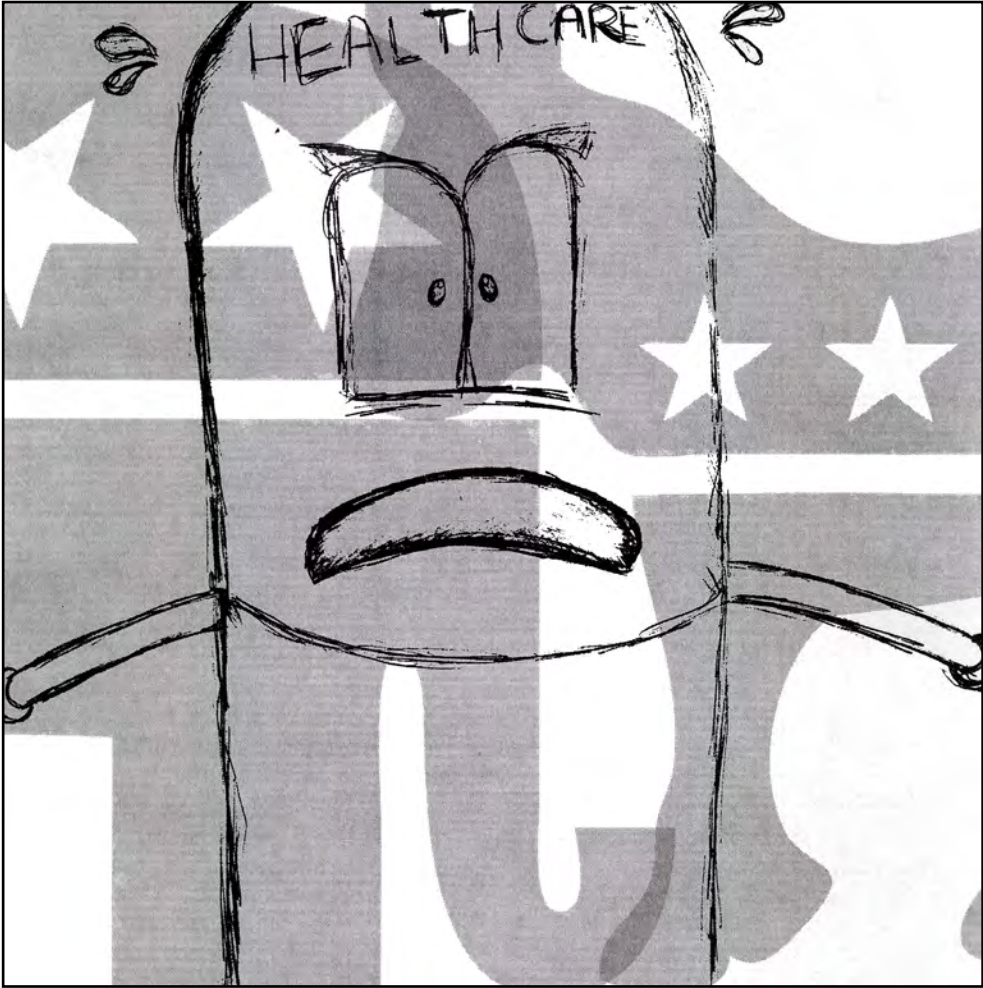
try to compromise, something could actually be done. There's more than one way to skin a cat so it's time for everyone to be a little more open minded, give a little and create a solution for mostly everybody to agree on.

Congress has a tendency to make much more noise than progress, and some of these orchestrated town hall meetings have only fueled the fire. Not only are things such as the public option sparking this debate, but other soon-to-be-controversial issues, such as the bill to come from the Senate Finance Committee, are as well. While it is the only bipartisan bill, it is almost guaranteed to be picked apart by some members of Congress. Not to mention how health care reform is going to fix the skyrocketing cost of Medicare and Medicaid. In 1965, the House Ways and Means Committee projected in 25 years, Medicare would cost about \$9 billion. Twenty-five years later it costs about \$67 billion. Now you can argue about party ideologies and relay talking points all day long, but numbers don't lie. Those costs have to be contained somehow. These, among many other issues have to be discussed in an open minded and civil way if anything is to get done. When our elected officials return in September, they need to learn to put their egos and bullheaded ways behind them to fix this. Until that happens, this fight will keep going on just as it has for decades.



# Independent Satire

by Ian Bridgeforth



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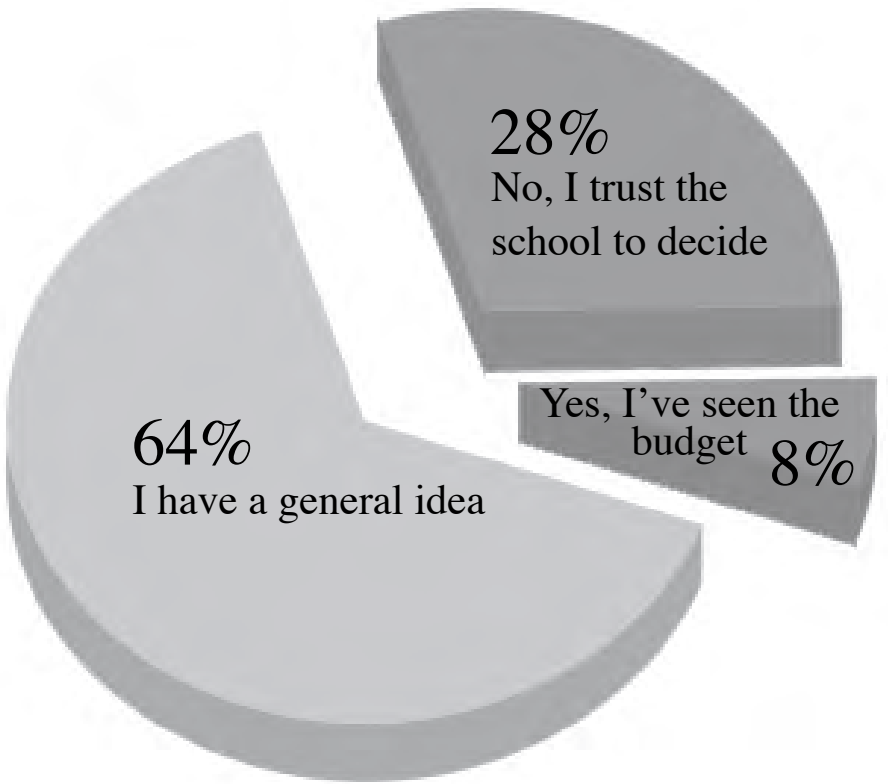
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“I am to a certain extent, as long as I am not in close contact with a bunch of people, I am not too worried about it. I try to wash my hands a lot. If people don’t stay home when they are sick then it is just going to get more people sick which will cause mass germification. So stay home sick people.”  
*Corey Cross, senior, art major*

“No, I am not really worried about catching it on a daily bases, but it is a little unnerving that there are large groups of people who are effect by the virus on campus as it is relatively small community, but at the same time I don’t think people should worry about it because it is the flu.”  
*John Vanderkloot, sophomore, art major*



“I am not really worried about catching the swine flu, and I think it will effect GCSU by attacking our freshmen sense they live in the dorms.”  
*Katie Herrig, sophomore, museum studies major*

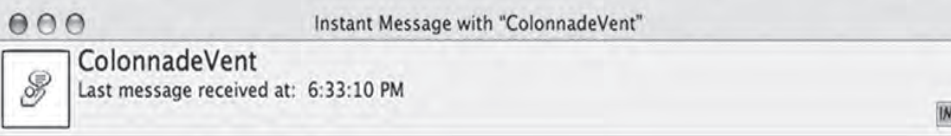
“No, I am not worried. I honestly think it is blown way out of proportion. I am sure more students will probably get it in the future, but it’s similar to the regular flu, so it shouldn’t be such a big problem.”  
*Michelle Andrews, sophomore, business management major*



“I’m worried about catching swine flu. It’s going to slow campus down a bit. I guess it depends on how bad it gets because it is a worldwide event. It could help people get their grades up, because they will stay home more.”  
*Zack Carin, freshman, undecided*

*Reported by Mandy Ellis*

## The Litter Box



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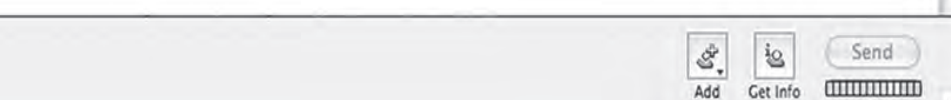
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## Wini McQueen brings another side of Africa to GCSU

BY LISSA SPEER  
STAFF WRITER

Wini Akissi McQueen presented her exhibit “Ties that Bind: A TransAtlantic Journey” this past week in the Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery clad in a vibrant red, orange and black dyed dress with her hair hanging in thick braids down her back. The exhibit was curated by senior art major Ernest Rogers as his capstone thesis project and featured fabrics and clothes from McQueen, as well as a couple of piece garments from rural cities in west Africa.

“Ties that Bind” is centered around trips McQueen took to west Africa in an effort to learn more about the art of textile stamping, dying, printing and the making of piece garments. McQueen approaches fabric much in the same way that a painter looks at a blank canvas. Her objective is not about the weaving of textiles but the story the patterns, colors and prints tell.

“Wini’s work is very textural and colorful,” senior art major Rebecca Ezell said. “It’s different to see clothes hanging in the museum.”

“I work based on feelings,” said McQueen, “I live with these experiences and stories all the time.”

At her artist talk Wednesday, McQueen talked about an Africa that Americans do not see.

“I wanted to show another side of Africa,” McQueen said. “It is urban but also African in the midst of a tropical rainforest.”

She told of large cities with busy market places, schools and a wealthy social class in west Africa. It isn’t just famine, hunger, poverty and difficulties. There are abundant natural resources but no way to process them. There are wealthy people living next to tin shacks of the poverty-stricken lower class.

McQueen spent six months traveling through west Africa and teaching at an art and culture school. In the rural areas she met old men that sat in lines weaving fabrics and saw the natives piecing together scraps of fabric to make the piece garments that are common for the poor to make and wear. But McQueen also saw the hand-painted and printed textiles sold in the markets by adults and children alike and the stories these fabrics told.

They told of celebrations from poverty into wealth and well being. They told stories of the passing of time. They told stories of family.

Whether it be funeral fabric, “souvenir cloth,” or simply 50 yards of cloth featuring members of a family printed specifically for a family reunion, each piece of cloth told a story through colors, patterns, texture and subject matter. McQueen too tells her stories through the medium of fabric.

“(McQueen) wanted (students) to understand the comparison and contrast between our culture and theirs, that students there have no future of work in their art, they do it as an everyday thing,” Rogers said.

The gallery opening Thursday evening ended with an African dance group singing, dancing and drumming in front of Blackbridge Hall. McQueen and Rogers invited the group in an effort to fully show the African culture and spirit that are told in the fabrics and clothes in the exhibit. The performers were wearing bright yellow and orange dyed garments and a few had big feathered head pieces. The dancing and drumming was fast and frantic, but also joyful and exciting. Near the end of their performance, the dancers invited gallery attendees to join them in their music and dancing in a true cultural immersion of the African spirit.



TAYLOR EHRAJIAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wini McQueen stands in front of her favorite piece of artwork, “An American Souvenir.”



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From left, Bethen Adams, Bri Barber and Katey Dunphy watch an informative video about African culture, and look at the art on the wall next to them.



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From left, African dancers put on a show outside Blackbridge Hall on Aug. 27, using drums to keep the fast-paced rhythm. Dancers jumped in the air, hit the ground with drumsticks and captivated the audience’s attention.

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## Freshmen adjusting well to campus life, Milledgeville

BY DELANEY JAMES  
STAFF WRITER

Home may be where the heart is, but for millions of young people across the nation, now is the time to leave the familiarity of home for a new and exciting adventure — college. College is a place for new beginnings and fresh starts. Students from diverse backgrounds with unique cultures come together to get an education.

In theory, this is a beautiful process, but sometimes putting it into practice can be absolutely bewildering. College is also a time of self discovery and making life-long friendships. Here at GCSU, many incoming freshmen are trying to find where they fit in the hustle and bustle of college life.

Freshman Drew Norby is from metro Atlanta, and came from a public high school of over 4,000 students.

“There are 8,000 people here, tops, compared to the 7 million in Atlanta, so

obviously it’s different. Most people seem to be adjusting just fine,” Norby said.

He enjoys the smaller town life, and believes that “compared to home, people are more friendly and down to earth here.”

On the opposite end of the spectrum is Erin Kelly, also a freshman from the outskirts of Atlanta. Prior to coming to GCSU she attended a small, private academy of 1,000 students. GCSU is very similar to her old school, she said.

“It’s small like private school, and because of that everyone knows everyone,” Kelly said.

She misses having a uniform, which gave her a sense of confidence, as well as saving her the time and effort of having to choose an outfit during time she could have been devoting to her studies. Kelly considers GCSU to be much more diverse than her previous school, and she said she is enjoying her time in Milledgeville meeting new people of different cultures and communities.

Freshman Laura Dunn is a native of Milledgeville, and attended a nearby public high school of 1,000 students.

“I like that (GCSU) is still here,” she said, “because if my car breaks down, I’m home.”

Though she is still living in the same town, she admits that her life has changed considerably. Unlike many other freshmen, Dunn is able to maintain a job year round. As a result, she faces the challenge of balancing work and school, as well as the occasional trip to her parents’ house. She is familiar with the workload due to her joint enrollment during her last year of high school, and therefore feels that she is adjusting well to college life.

Another freshman attending GCSU this fall is Sarah Crile. She hails from Cedartown, where she attended a high school of 800 students.

“It’s not too overwhelming because it is basically the same as my hometown, minus the college. The overwhelming part is

the amount of people and being able to fit in,” Crile said.

She is planning on visiting home once a month, which she hopes will keep her from feeling too homesick.

“The biggest difference is that it’s busier here and more routined at home, because of the college and the campus activities,” Crile said.

Overall, the freshman said she is enjoying her time here at GCSU, but as anyone would be, she is apprehensive about starting over.

Being a full-time student at GCSU is a career all on its own, and adjusting may be a challenge to many new students. Most are learning to fend for themselves quite well, and enjoying their newfound freedoms. Though it may or may not be just like home, Milledgeville has its own charm that can be quite comforting. Most students are enjoying their time at GCSU and learning to adjust to college life without too much difficulty.



# Salsa dancing adds some spice to campus life



MATT ROGERS / STAFF REPORTER  
Over 50 students attended this meeting of the Salsa and Latin Dance Club this past Thursday. The club meets every Thursday from 8-9 p.m. in the MSU Lounge.



MATT ROGERS / STAFF REPORTER  
Infectious beats allowed people to get into their dancing this past Thursday. This meeting is just one of the events the club has planned.

BY MEREDITH BARNES  
STAFF WRITER

Dancers move with high intensity as they glide across the floor. This is just a taste of the atmosphere created by GC-SU’s Salsa and Latin Dance Club. The club meets each Thursday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Maxwell Student Union Lounge and attracts anywhere from 20 to 70 people. Being a part of the club allows individuals to walk outside of their comfort zone into an unfamiliar world.

“I just got into it because I figured it is something new and I love the Spanish culture, so why not?” freshman Klarissa Darnell said.

Anyone can be part of the club, no matter his or her level of dance experience; newcomers are always welcomed. There are instructors provided for beginners, who administer a crash course on the side.

Junior Parker Kempf was drawn in by a promotional event held by the club.

“I saw them dancing by the fountain and thought it seemed like a cool thing to check out. I didn’t know much about Salsa and seeing them sparked an interest,” Kempf said.

Here members are opened up to a world outside of their own, learning many aspects of the Latin culture. Co-president Rebekka Ragusa plans to bring this culture alive on Sept. 18 when Argentine Tango teachers will visit the school to provide a free professional workshop in

the Magnolia Ballroom. “Some other things that we are going to be doing as a club this year is possibly having a Masquerade Ball, going to the Fox Theatre (in Atlanta) to see a Spanish-themed play, having a Latino night in Sodexo, volunteering to teach Salsa in public schools, and to see Spanish culture by going to Salsa and Latin Club,” Ragusa said.

Aside from the Argentine Tango, members are introduced to dances such as the Bachata, Samba, Cumbia, Cha Cha, Mambo and Rumba.

Each of these styles can be done with or without a partner. One of the exercises for learning a new dance is done by forming a circle of dancers where the females stand in a circle and the males move along the inner part of the circle during each rotation.

Salsa serves as an outlet for self-expression as, on occasion, a male partner will step aside to allow the female to dance on her own. This is known as a “shine,” as it is their chance to shine in any style of Salsa dance they choose.

“Both (new and old) members show exuberance and excitement in learning Salsa, getting involved with the club and making friends among club members,” Ragusa said.

The club offers students more than dance lessons; it offers friendship, knowledge, a diverse community and, most importantly, a good time. The club encourages everyone to get a taste for the art of Salsa.



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A couple moves to the music in Magnolia Ballroom. The dancers gathered in a circle to learn a new dance.

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# Spotlight

By Stephanie Sorensen



## New executive chef spices up the Sodexo dining hall experience



STEPHANIE SORENSEN / STAFF REPORTER

Savory smells drift from Sodexo, as the dining hall cooks up new and welcome changes. Still fondly called “Saga” by many, the dining services now offer a new style of cooking to its menu, with the biggest addition being a new executive chef, George Tucker.

Starting from childhood, Tucker always loved to cook.

“I followed in my father’s footsteps and when that didn’t work out, I decided to follow in my mother’s. She was always a great cook,” Tucker said.

And cook he did. After attending culinary arts school, Tucker pursued an interesting string of jobs, including cooking for the president of the Atlanta Braves, the famous Wing Factory in Atlanta and Roswell Country Club. Tucker moved to GCSU because of the reputation of Sodexo, Inc. and the opportunity to become executive chef.

“I love cooking for the students,” Tucker said. “Everyone here is so well mannered. It makes me happy that I can spread satisfaction through my food to the students and the community.”

Tucker’s experience combined with his love of cooking, means Saga is up for some changes. Tucker plans to fix up the hot tables by making them more efficient and hopes to install a Hot Wok, Asian cuisine area.

The changes include a healthy outlook for the new food dishes and an introduction to new concepts of cooking and adding new dishes as the semester progresses. Looking at a possible farewell to the “Saga 7,” students have embraced a step toward a more nutritious menu.

As the semester progresses, students will continue to get to know the new chef and his styles of cooking. With infinite possibilities for more savory food, students can line up for a taste of Chef Tucker’s entrees.

# Missing majors create an empty space at GCSU

BY SARAH GIARRATANA  
STAFF REPORTER

Doctors. Nurses. Lawyers. Police officers. Teachers. Often students travel to college with colorful dreams of a career that they wanted since childhood. Still, many students fling themselves into a major chosen on a moment’s notice and often change majors, or even universities, through the course of their college education.

GCSU offers approximately 35 majors, a number that grew steadily with the university in the past few years. Facing budget cuts, though, the administration recently turned its focus away from expanding the majors offered at GCSU and focused instead on maintaining current majors.

“Three or four years ago, we started to expand the number of majors,” Dean of Arts and Sciences Kenneth Proctor said. “Then the (budget) crisis hits, and we can’t staff new majors.”

GCSU still managed to expand this fall by adding a physics major. The state Board of Regents approved the physics major, despite the economic crisis.

The school continues to grow and draw students to programs like nursing and education. Yet even with the continued improvement of the school, some students transfer out in search of other majors.

“I left GCSU because I was looking for a different, more specific major than the general political science offered at GCSU,” former GCSU student Caitlin McCourt said.

GCSU’s catalog of undergraduate majors is small compared to the catalogs of larger universities, such as the University of Georgia, which offers well over 100 undergraduate majors. But GCSU still entices students with smaller class sizes and opportunities for personal

hands-on learning.

“I miss all the people, professors and one-on-one (interaction),” McCourt said of GCSU. “I wish that GCSU would expand (its) programs in the future, after the budget troubles.”

Proctor reported that the program does hope to expand in the future, though the process may take years.

“What we want is to have the flexibility to shift and change with the times,” Proctor said of adopting new majors. “For instance (adding majors) in things that are high priority to the state, such as educating students in science technology.”

Regardless of the college, students are transferring both in and out of GCSU based on majors and even minors. Even with minors like creative writing on hold, teachers and students alike clearly hope that GCSU will continue to add majors in the coming years, despite state budget cuts.

“I know I have had students transfer away from GCSU because we do not have an anthropology major,” anthropology professor Dr. Jeffrey Blick said. “An anthropology major would also act to draw people here as well.”

GCSU offers anthropology minors and 12 course offerings in the field.

“All we need is another staff member to have a major,” Blick said. “And there may be one or two staff members on campus who have a masters in anthropology, but might not be actively teaching.”

As a new freshman class floods the campus, majors all around campus swell with dozens of new faces. Despite the budget cuts, students remain excited and hopeful about the university’s future.

“Our nursing and education programs are strong,” sophomore Mary McTague said. “I think expanding our majors would bring a greater variety of students to the campus and that’s always good.”



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# ‘Once upon a time in Nazi-occupied France...’

BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

Director Quentin Tarantino’s “Inglourious Basterds” is a war movie that is about anything but war. It is an artistic mise-en-scene that celebrates the thrill and enjoyment of making a war movie. Since the dawn of “Reservoir Dogs,” Tarantino has never failed to make his occasional presence felt, but what separates him from other directors is his masterful technique. Whether it be a bunch of tough guys in black suits or a vengeance-driven kung-fu bride, Tarantino’s goal is not to send viewers home contemplating with reality, but to make them appreciate the craft and devotion he brings to the table in what has undoubtedly been an exquisite career.

Built in the same chaptered structure he is known for, “Basterds” opens in the middle of 1941 France where a Nazi colonel named Hans Landa (Christoph Waltz) is paying a visit to a French farmer. Landa is searching for a Jewish family believed to have either escaped, or taken refuge somewhere in France. After a vivid 15-minute discussion about rats and squirrels (between two cups of milk), Landa finds what he is looking for and proceeds to massacre the entire Dreyfus family. Fortunately, however, one of the children named Shosanna (Melanie Laurent) manages to escape, and as Landa watches her run off into the distance, we know as well as he, that the two of them will surely meet again at some point.

Christoph Waltz won the “Best Actor” award when “Basterds” premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in May, and it’s no secret why. Casting the Landa character was a desperate run for the money that nearly caused Tarantino to rethink the entire film, but Waltz proves that his efforts are anything but last ditch. Nicknamed “The Jew Hunter” by his fellow Nazis, Col. Landa is one of few Nazi characters who actually rises above the antagonizing label of what he represents, and becomes an all-round embodiment of cold-blooded evil that hides behind a fancy uniform and a sick smile that



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will make viewers cringe at the very sight of it.

From this strong opening segment, we are then introduced to Lt. Aldo Raine (Brad Pitt), a Tennessee native who is putting together a special team of American Jewish soldiers. Among them are the psychopathic Stiglitz (Til Schweiger), and the self-proclaimed “Bear Jew” named Donny (Eli Roth). Their mission is simple: “we gon’ be killin’ Nazis!” More specifically, they wish to eliminate every member of the German Third Reich.

The Nazis will always be the ultimate bad guys in history, but they are no match here for Raine and his crew as they batter and scalp their way through enemy territory. It’s a bloody rampage of torture and mayhem, but things take a sharp turn for better when they come across

Bridget von Hammersmark (Diane Kruger). Hammersmark is a famous actress in the German cinema, but she is also a spy for the Allied forces. Her introduction comes in a scene that takes place underground in a tavern where an assortment of Nazis and undercover “basterds” all meet up in one room. Some are drunk, some are playing schnapps and others are feeling a little suspicious about the rusty accents they’re hearing. Running about 20 minutes straight on real-time dialogue and suspense, this is by far the most crucial scene of the film as Tarantino arranges every single mark to perfection. And the stunning execution of how it unfolds is so amazing you’ll want to applaud it when the last shot is fired.

Tarantino has always been known for following a special routine where he creates an ensemble cast, scatters it around a simple plot, and then brings all the pieces together in a conclusion where everyone ends up at the same location with their weapons ready. “Basterds” is certainly no exception to this setup, but it’s okay because Tarantino knows how to disguise all the basic formalities. Using a series of close-ups and broad one-shot angles to show off the beauty of his set designs, Tarantino polishes off “Basterds” with an excellent touch of violence and betrayal that completely defies the logic of historical accuracy and becomes a total package of cinematic brilliance. ... “You know Utivich, I think this just might be my Masterpiece!”

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# Friday’s foreign film transcends language barrier

BY MARISSA LEE  
STAFF WRITER

Classes are over for the week and Friday has arrived. Some students are going home and some are headed downtown to see what Milledgeville has to offer. But, before finalizing weekend plans, students may want to consider stopping by the Arts & Sciences auditorium to see a movie.

GCSU’s international program hosts First Fridays, appropriately held on the first Friday of every month. While this foreign film series is screened for the class Intro to International Film, the public is more than welcome to attend. The series opened on Aug. 28 with “Paradise Now,” a film set in Israel and Palestine. The A&S auditorium filled and the movie captured the minds of students and faculty alike.

Senior English major Fruzsina Nyary looks most forward to the discussions held after the showing. After completing a course similar to Intro to International Film in Hungary, Nyary was “excited to see how Americans view international issues.”

Dr. Dwight Call, assistant vice president for International Education,

agrees that the discussions are vital to understanding controversial aspects of these award-winning films.

“These alternate films explore political, social, and cultural issues,” Call said.

One of many attendees last Friday, sophomore computer science major Ian Stewart was part of the general public that showed interest in First Fridays

“I saw an ad and thought it looked fun,” Stewart said.

Dr. Sunita Manian, associate professor of political economy, introduced “Paradise Now” and led a thoughtful discussion after the film.

Subtitles need not be a barrier, because some emotions easily transcend barriers between cultures. Call will introduce the South African film “Tsotsi” later this year. Because the film was shown in its original language during Call’s initial viewing, he recalls it was difficult to understand.

“You can understand some things without using language,” Call said.

The film series will continue on Oct. 2, with “Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, And Spring” from North Korea. All films begin at 7 p.m. in the A&S auditorium.

## First Friday Schedule

Oct. 2 - “Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring” - South Korea  
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# Students get into the swing of things



SARAH GIARRATANA / STAFF REPORTER  
Students dancers enjoy the first 30 minutes of lessons at a GCSU Swing Association meeting Monday, reviewing basic turns and steps.



SARAH GIARRATANA / STAFF REPORTER  
Dancers twirl around Magnolia Ballroom as they feel the swinging rhythm of jazz music.



SARAH GIARRATANA / STAFF REPORTER  
Dancers work their way up to practice more advanced moves at GCSU's Swing Association meeting Monday night. Other advanced moves include dips and aerial moves.

BY STEPHEN HUNDLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Laughter and poetic motion filled Magnolia Ballroom this past Monday night, as students from all walks of campus life came out of their shells to rock, sway, flip and turn at GCSU's popular Swing Association. The program is free for any currently-enrolled GCSU student and so far the turnout has been great, except for one thing. "We've never had too many guys," said Desiree Marney, the group's president of two years. While everyone who attended had the opportunity to dance, the male to female ratio was skewed, leaving the club extra-welcoming to guys who wanted to try their hand, or feet rather, at this upbeat, aerobic art. However, trying something new can be intimidating to beginners. GCSU Swing Association creates a creatively comforting and non-

threatening environment. Apart from Marney, there are several instructors walking the floor and demonstrating on stage. This free-range system of teaching ensures that all students, regardless of ability are given equal attention — from the spinner in the spotlight to the shy couple in the back of the room. Despite the high turnout, the association makes sure that those seeking assistance find it. Walk-ins are always welcome. Marney guides everyone through many levels of dance, from simple steps and turns to daring lifts. Marney expressed a desire for "an injury free year," which, for anyone who has witnessed a dancer being tossed and twirled overhead, is a perfectly reasonable, yet ambitious goal. Hands-on assistance and supervision is strongly advised, and always available, for new dancers trying aerial techniques. The sessions are generally comprised of about an

hour and a half of instruction, culminating with a period of free dance. Everyone had a different reason for coming out Monday night. The Swing Association drew seasoned dancers such as Elvis Ramirez, a freshman from the Dominican Republic. "I already had a background in Salsa, but I wanted to expand my knowledge of other kinds of dance," Ramirez said. On the other side of the dance floor, the event drew a large number of new dancers such as Samantha Castagna. "Half the fun is just meeting new people and getting out there," Castagna said. So, no matter what your ability or motive, Swing dancing offers a free opportunity to broaden cultural horizons, get some exercise, meet new people and shake — or swing — a tail feather.

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Wendell Staton

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

After a summer of uncertainty and searching, the GCSU athletic department has found its man. Wendell Staton will take over as athletic director for the 2009-2010 year, filling the vacancy created when Jud Damon left after just one season leading the Bobcats.

Staton comes to GCSU from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, after serving as Pembroke's Associate Vice Chancellor for Advancement since 2005.

He will be GCSU's sixth athletic director in the school's 40-year athletic history, and arrives just after the athletic program captured its first-ever Peach Belt Commissioner's Cup, awarded to the best all-around athletic program in the Peach Belt Conference.

Staton has worked at GCSU before, serving as an assistant basketball coach from 1991-1993. He

also coached at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Elon University and Campbell University.

Staton held several positions within Pembroke's athletic department as well, including head golf coach, a men's basketball assistant coach and he taught in the health, physical education and recreation program from 1996-2002.

He obtained his Bachelor of Arts from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in 1990, and later became an alumnus of GCSU when he added a Masters of Education in 1993.

"I would like to thank Dr. Leland and Dr. Harshbarger for the opportunity to lead the Georgia College & State University Athletic Department," Staton said at the press conference where he officially accepted the position. "As an alumnus and former member of the coaching staff, I have great affection for the University and Milledgeville. My family and I are excited about joining the community."

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BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The saga of Michael Vick took its latest, greatest turn when he was conditionally reinstated by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on July 28 and allowed to join the Philadelphia Eagles just two weeks later.

Vick's story has transformed from one of anger and blame into one of forgiveness and second chances. The guy made a terrible decision, one that involved consciously sentencing innocent animals to death. He got caught up in something and instead of re-evaluating his decision, tried to keep it quiet until it was too late.

Honestly, who hasn't had something like this happen to them? Certainly not on the scale of Vick, but we all make bad choices that affect creatures besides ourselves. And who wouldn't want a second chance to make the right choices?

Speaking of right choices, the Atlanta Falcons made perhaps the smartest move as far as Vick is concerned when they simply released him, creating a clean break between the troubled star and the team that he electrified since they drafted him No. 1 overall in 2001. With an established rising star quarterback in Matt Ryan, the Falcons consider Vick a distant memory as they make another playoff push this season.

What we need to do now is treat Vick as if he was just drafted. Imagine him as a fifth-round curiosity pick, a guy with a ton of talent but some "character issues" that will make him an interesting backup to Donovan McNabb. And just watch him work. With any luck, he'll show us flashes of his past life, the on-field Vick who shredded defenses with a cannon arm and Barry Sanders-like cuts to avoid defenders in the tightest spaces.

I wish Vick the best of luck with his new life and his rebuilt career. But on Sunday, Dec. 6, when the Eagles visit the Georgia Dome, I can only hope for the worst for him.

Soccer sweeps opening tourney



FILE PHOTO  
Sophomore midfielder Karen Bonilla recorded her fourth career assist Friday in the win over Queens.

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU soccer team hit the road this past weekend, opening their regular season in Savannah, and shut out both teams they faced, giving the Bobcats a 2-0 record to commence the season.

The Bobcats played their first game of the weekend Friday and shut out Queens University of Charlotte, N.C., 2-0.

GCSU and Queens both started out playing well. However, 20:41 into the first half, a shot from senior midfielder Daria Owen found its way into Queens' net, with the assist from sophomore midfielder Karen Bonilla. The play gave Owen the fifth goal of her career and Bonilla her fourth assist.

In the second half, the Bobcats continued to dominate when in the eight-first minute of the game, junior forward Jessica Newland gave GCSU a two-goal cushion when she scored an unassisted goal. This gave the Bobcats their 2-0 lead over Queens.

"I executed my runs well, but without the passes from my teammates it wouldn't

have meant anything," Newland said. "We had great team chemistry for our first game and it was nice to see everyone out connecting passes."

On the defensive side of things, the Bobcats junior goalkeeper Jessica Binkowski was able to make three saves to prevent Queens from scoring any goals.

GCSU's determination did not let up when on Sunday, the 'Cats went up against Florida Southern College and shut out the Moccasins 1-0.

The game jumped into action when senior forward Jamie Nevin, just eight minutes into the first half, scored the only goal of the game, assisted by sophomore forward Megan McAlpin. The play gave Nevin her 13th career goal, the highest total on the current squad.

"We came out strong but at the end we were battling defensively to keep them from scoring," Nevin said. "Overall we fought them off, everyone worked really hard and I'm glad we got the win."

Binkowski continued to play well as goalkeeper by making four saves to stop the Moccasins' attempts to score.

Due to her hard work,

Binkowski was selected as GCSU's athlete of the week on Monday. Formerly a defender, Binkowski recorded two shutouts in her first two games as goalkeeper. She made three saves in the game against Queens and four saves against Florida Southern. This was the first athlete of the week award given this season.

"I was really excited about it," Binkowski said. "But I can't take the full credit for it because if I didn't have my team in front of me defending like they did, I wouldn't have been able to be named athlete of the week."

The Bobcats are at home for the first time this weekend as they host the Bobcat Shootout Tournament against Catawba College on Friday at 8 p.m. and Florida Technical College on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

"We're going to have to take care of the ball more and as a result, will generate more scoring chances," head coach Juan Pablo Favero said. "I think we have to keep building on the good defensive effort, shape and posture that the team has."

Health Sciences, Parks Memorial renovated

BY ZACH SEAGO  
STAFF WRITER

The Parks-Memorial building, also known as Parks-nursing, and the Health Sciences building have each undergone major renovations in recent months and have been re-opened for use by students and faculty.

These buildings have been at GCSU since the 1990s. The Parks-Memorial Building now houses almost all of the Nursing faculty, save one cohort, and has updated its offices in a way that allows the students and faculty to feel at home in their new building.

Martha Colvin, the associate dean of the College of Health Sciences and also a professor of nursing, is happy with the changes.

"The new office building is wonderful and the lab areas located in the other building are something to be proud of," Colvin said.

The Health Science Building has had a complete interior overhaul as well. The build-

ing no longer houses an indoor pool, but instead has added many necessary lab areas and classrooms that make the facility function more efficiently.

These newly-renovated classrooms feature tiered style seating, SMART board technology, and as an added bonus for the students, padded seats for those long lecture classes.

Junior wellness major Taylor Hayes is also a fan of the improvements.

"I really like the new building. All the new equipment and labs really help out the teacher teach us the material that we need to know," Hayes said. "The new movement lab is really amazing, you have a lot of space to do what you got to do. This new building is a perfect facility for educating all of the different majors."

Other labs that have been added onto the building along with the Movement lab include the Exercise Science Lab, the Athletic Training Lab, and the Nursing Skills Lab. All of

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The puck drops here

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU hockey team acquired its charter as a Registered Student Organization during fall semester last year. Since then, the players have been excited to begin playing in an official collegiate circuit.

GCSU hockey unofficially started in 2006 with a few players who played pickup games. Senior player and creative writing major Matt Moore described the team's history.

"We picked up players and beginning entering adult beer league tournaments," Moore said. "Jeff Brittain came along last year and got the official club started and team going. Now we play on the roller rink with skates; quite a rags to riches story."

Sophomore Cain Cantrell described the feeling of being quickly granted true collegiate sport status.

"Last year, we all stepped up and formed a legit team and played in



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Freshmen show the veteran players their skills on Sunday.

a couple of tournaments," Cantrell said. "Then next thing we knew, we are in the SEC division of the Na

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Upcoming Sports

<b>Soccer:</b>		
Sept. 4	8 p.m.	Catawba
Sept. 6	2:30 p.m.	Florida Tech
<b>Golf:</b>		
Sept. 7-8	all day	@ Kiawah

Quote of the Week

"It's just another day around here, things wouldn't be normal if there wasn't some controversy."  
— Oakland Raiders running back Justin Fargas, regarding the alleged incident in which head coach Tom Cable punched one of his assistant coaches in the jaw. (ESPN.com)

Stat of the Week

89

Points separating seventh and 14th place in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Standings heading into Sunday's night race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.



# Intramurals: creating a monster

BY CALEB RULE  
STAFF WRITER

Intramural champion. It has a good ring to it.

The shirts are pretty nice, too.

For every champion, however, there’s a winless team wondering what went wrong. A promising year can quickly turn into a headache without warning, from one mistake on the field to issues with teammates.

With this guide, however, you can start strong and avoid common pitfalls that ruin many teams.

**Experience matters**

Senior Chris Russell, center and wide receiver for Whiteout, the defending A-league flag football champions, says many new teams learn the hard way from lack of preparation.

“Some teams move up too fast,” Russell said. “You can have the best athletes, but you can’t recruit experience.”

Just because a team is new, however, doesn’t mean they can’t immediately challenge for the top spot.

Sophomore Joey Nipper hasn’t lost an A-league men’s softball game at GCSU. He credits off-season play for helping his softball team’s climb to the top.

“We spend at least half the year playing softball,” Nipper said, “and that keeps us in playing condition for the season’s beginning.”

Russell notes that intramural staff members and most A-league players are willing to answer questions and give advice.

“Watching the best teams play can provide invaluable insight,” Russell said. “And asking the best how they became a good team can only help.”

**Put me in, coach**

An often-overlooked aspect of playing is the coach’s position. Though a team may have new players, a coach brings experience and leadership that can ease the pressure of quickly learning a new sport.

“A coach can make the difference between winning and losing,” senior Rachel Pendergrast said. Pendergrast played for and now coaches Blue Light Special, which finished second in the co-ed softball division of the national intramural tournament last season.

“Coaches have a field-wide perspective and can correct any mistakes a player makes,” Pendergrast said. “They can sometimes catch an opponent’s tendency and use that information to make adjustments that turn into a big play.”

Nipper added that the best coaches will scout other teams and make a game plan days in advance, giving a team spe-



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Three members of Blue Light Special get some flag football practice on a Sunday afternoon.

cific direction in practice that turns into better on-field play.

**Mixing and matching**

Having great team chemistry will pay huge dividends in the long run. Having a unified team front will keep the team loose and keep the fun in the game.

“Everybody wants to be a hero,” Nipper said, “but it’s much better when people are willing to work as a team to win.”

Sometimes, it can prevent the flood-gates from opening.

“We had a ground ball go through an outfielder’s legs one time, and because we all thought the play should have been made, we started (thinking negatively) and it all went downhill,” Nipper said. “We finished that game in a tie, but would have won with a better mindset.”

**Strategize**

Playing experience can help when transitioning from a men’s or women’s team to co-ed, but planning for a game requires a different mindset.

“Girls are the key to success in co-ed,” Pendergrast said. “You’re up against male athletes who will be faster and stronger, and they have to be able to hold their own.”

Pendergrast also described how teams exploit holes in a defense.

“You really are only as good as your weakest link,” Pendergrast said. “Every team will have athletic guys, but not everyone has girls who are playmakers.”

In addition, having girls involved on touchdowns boosts the touchdown value from six to nine, which can make the difference between winning by two or losing by one.

## Renovations

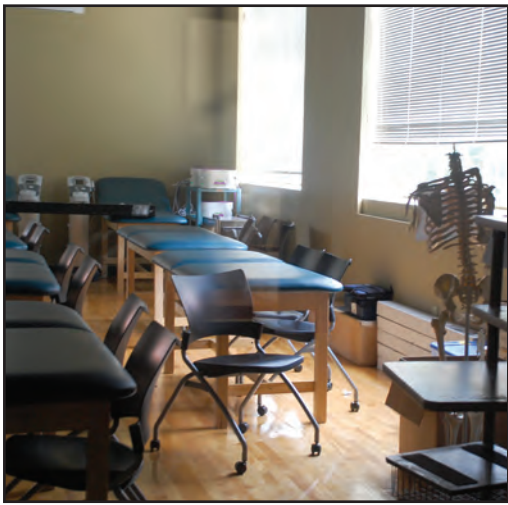
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these new lab areas are outfitted with new high-tech equipment, but none more so than the Nursing Skills Lab.

The lab gives the impression of walking into an actual hospital. The first thing that greets a visitor is a service desk where students can learn everything that they need to know about helping patients in a real hospital. Behind the desk are rows upon rows of hospital beds fitted with the equipment needed to teach the students how to handle any and all situations.

Another not-so-new addition to the lab is something known as a “simulated man”. This item has been locked up in storage for a while because there was no place to put him in the Centennial Center, but now he has his own room fit with everything needed to give the students a simulation of working on an actual human being.

Nursing majors are not the only ones who are able to experience the wonders of the new Health Sciences Building. Professors of music therapy and all their offices are now located on the first floor



LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
One of the new exercise science labs.

of the Health Sciences Building. Along with the entire faculty finally being all together in one building, the music therapy majors can now take full advantage of the labs and new equipment available in their classrooms.

Chelsey Mercado, the chair of the music therapy department, enjoys the technological advances in the building.

“We finally have the necessary rooms to house all the equipment that we have. We now have separate rooms for the Somatron, the recording studio, along with multiple observations rooms for studying patients,” Mercado said. “The observation rooms are filled with equipment that can help the students and teachers observe the patients and simultaneously upload the video acquired to a webpage for both the students and teachers to access anytime.”

The new rooms and equipment for the music therapy department mean a better educational experience for the students and a better overall work experience for the staff.

There will be an open house on Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the newly renovated buildings. Attendees will range from members of the Board of Regents to faculty, staff, and GCSU alumni.

# Hockey

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tional Roller Hockey League.”

Upperclassmen players began recruiting new players this summer during each of the freshmen orientations. They found a good bunch of prospective players who went to try out this past Sunday.

“The skill we saw in tryouts exceeded my expectations,” Moore said. “We have got some really talented freshman and I expect the team to be very competitive.”

The team’s roster changes each semester, so it will hold tryouts again during spring. The team has big plans until then.

Its next scheduled event is Oct. 3-4 in Gwinnett County. After that, players anticipate playing regular season games on various weekends throughout the fall semester. These games will be played at different venues throughout the Southeast.

Junior player Jeff Brittain is hopeful that the team’s performance will bring it invitations to prestigious tournaments.

“The NCRHA national championship tournament will be in the spring,” Brittain said. “Hopefully we’ll work hard enough this year to earn an invitation to it.”

The team currently practices twice a week to prepare for the upcoming season. It practices on foot Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m. and with full pads and skates Sundays from 5-6 p.m. at the Rocket Roller Rink off of Ga. 29. In addition, the team hopes to add one more day of practice at the rink into its weekly schedule.

The players look forward to playing several different schools during the upcoming year, including Kennesaw State, Georgia Tech, Georgia State and Florida State.

Like any other sport at GCSU, the hockey team hopes to be able to rely on the support of the student body during its season. To do this, it will hold various activities to try and engage students.

“We want to be out in the public around all the students as much as possible,” Cantrell said. “So we can get a bigger and better fan support club.”

Always armed with a quick wit, Moore proposed that the team make a team calendar to engage students and “for the girls to drool over.”



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Will Hutchinson tees up a shot at hockey tryouts on Sunday. The team is able to use the roller rink off Hwy. 441 for one hour each week.

- 2009-2010 Hockey Team
- Jeff Brittain  
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Matt Holland  
Ryan Hudson  
Jared Main  
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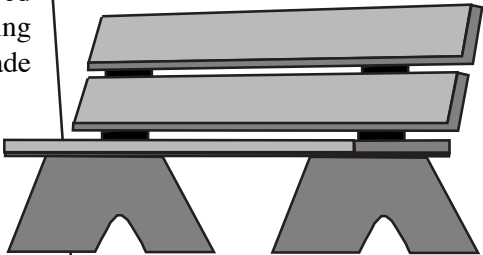




PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

BENCH THEFT

On Aug. 30 at approximately 2:03 a.m. while on patrol, Sgt. Tami Pissott observed a group of males exiting Lot 25, carrying a large white bench. Contact was made with the group and it was determined that the bench came from the fountain area. The bench was returned to its proper location, and the students were arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with public intoxication. The other males were released from the scene.



CAR BREAK-IN

On Aug. 29 at approximately 9:58 a.m. a student reported that unknown person(s) entered her vehicle and went through items in the vehicle while it was parked in the Adams gravel lot. No items appeared to be missing. The case has been turned over to investigations.

VANDALISM

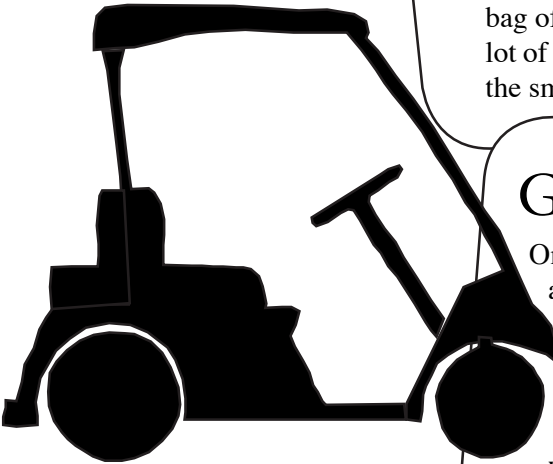
On Aug. 31 at approximately 7:04 p.m. a professor reported that unknown person(s) had knocked over a full propane tank, a brown barrel and two large metal cabinets located outside Blackbridge Hall. There was no damage to any of the items. The professor has made plans to secure the propane tank to the building, as it cannot be inside.

BURNED POPCORN

On Aug. 27, at approximately 12:54 a.m. Sgt. Michael Baker was dispatched to Adams Hall in reference to a fire alarm. Upon arrival, it was determined that a bag of popcorn had burned and created a lot of smoke. A box fan was used to clear the smoke and the alarm was reset.

GOLFCART JOYRIDE

On Aug. 28 at approximately 3:23 a.m. a S.N.A.P. officer reported seeing a golf cart driving erratically on Hancock Street near Irwin Street. Once spotted by the S.N.A.P. officer, the subjects fled on foot toward Bellamy Apartments. It was determined that the cart was taken from Ennis Hall. The case is under investigation.



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THE INSIDER

The Student Government Association is on the cusp on another semester with a filled agenda. Senator hopefuls attended an informational session Sept. 1, with elections being held Sept. 10 through the myCATS portal. The Senate will convene with new senators Sept. 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Dogwood conference room and will work to address issues such as a new fight song, campus recycling, homecoming, and more. Senate sessions are always open to students, faculty and staff.



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WEATHER REPORT

FRI.	88 HIGH	63 LOW	10%	
SAT.	90 HIGH	65 LOW	0%	
SUN.	87 HIGH	66 LOW	10%	
MON.	84 HIGH	66 LOW	30%	
TUE.	84 HIGH	67 LOW	30%	
WED.	87 HIGH	66 LOW	10%	
THUR.	87 HIGH	67 LOW	30%	

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Sept. 4 - Thursday, Sept. 10

Friday, September 4

2 p.m - 4 p.m.	Rosie the Riveter: We Can Do It Series, Women's Resource Center
5:30 p.m.	AASU vs. Fla Tech - Women's Soccer, West Campus
8 p.m.	Bobcats vs. Catawba - Women's Soccer, West Campus

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

2:30 p.m.	Bobcats vs. Florida Tech - Women's Soccer, West Campus
4 p.m.	Tusculum vs. Southern NH- Women's Soccer, West Campus

Monday, September 7

All Day	Labor Day Holiday
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Tuesday, September 8

7:30 p.m.	Guest Artist Recital: D'Amore Duo, Max Noah Recital Hall
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Wednesday, September 9

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Career Center Open House, 232 Lanier Hall
12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.	Times Talk, Beeson Hall Lower Level

Thursday, September 10

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.	Soldier Portraits by Ellen Susan, GCSU Museum
10 a.m - 4 p.m.	War on Terror: Inside/Out - Photographs by Christopher Sims and Stacey Pearsall, GCSU Museum

Please send calendar submissions to [colonnadenews@gcsu.edu](mailto:colonnadenews@gcsu.edu).

Summer Photo Contest

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Submit photos to [ColonnadeNews@gcsu.edu](mailto:ColonnadeNews@gcsu.edu) by Sept. 7







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**Election Day:**

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Sept. 10, 2009

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- Senate Retreat  
Sept. 12, 2009 at 9 a.m.  
Dogwood Conference Room
- First Student Senate Session  
Sept. 16, 2009 12:30 p.m.  
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